

# Welfare Reform and Work Bill

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## COMMONS DISAGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

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[The page and line references are to HL Bill 69, the bill as first printed for the Lords.]

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### Before Clause 4

1 Insert the following new Clause –

*“Child poverty*

#### **Child poverty: reporting obligation**

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament an annual report on child poverty.
- (2) The report must include information on the percentage of children living in households where –
  - (a) equivalised net income for the financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the most recent financial year;
  - (b) equivalised net income for the financial year is less than 70% of median equivalised net household income for the most recent financial year, and which experience material deprivation;
  - (c) equivalised net income for the financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010, adjusted in a prescribed manner to take account of changes in the value of money since that year; and
  - (d) equivalised net income has been less than 60% of median equivalised net household income in at least 3 of the survey years.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(d), the survey years are the calendar year that ends in the financial year addressed in subsection (2)(a) and (b), and the 3 preceding calendar years.”

## COMMONS DISAGREEMENT

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 1 for the following reason –*

- 1A** *Because it is more appropriate to report on the matters listed in clause 4 and because low-income statistics are already published annually.*

**Clause 13**

- 8** Leave out Clause 13

## COMMONS DISAGREEMENT

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 8 for the following reason –*

- 8A** *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

**Clause 14**

- 9** Leave out Clause 14

## COMMONS DISAGREEMENT

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 9 for the following reason –*

- 9A** *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

**Clause 28**

- 34** Page 26, line 18, leave out from beginning to “does” in line 21 and insert –
- “(a) in a case where the maximum amount applying under regulations under section 26 or Part 1 of Schedule 2 is determined on a basis that treats an amount, or a description of an amount, payable by way of service charge as part of the rent payable, includes a reference to an amount, or an amount of that description, payable by way of service charge,
  - (b) in a case where section 21 applies after regulations under section 26 have, or Part 1 of Schedule 2 has, applied a maximum amount determined on a basis that treats an amount, or a description of an amount, payable by way of service charge as part of the rent payable, includes a reference to an amount, or an amount of that description, payable by way of service charge,
  - (c) in a case not falling within paragraph (a) or (b) where, under the terms of the lease or agreement, an amount, or a description of an amount, payable by way of service charge is part of the rent payable, includes a reference to an amount, or an amount of that description, payable by way of service charge, and
  - (d) in any other case,”

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*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 34 and propose Amendment No. 34A in lieu.*

**34A** Page 26, line 16, leave out subsection (5) and insert –

- “(4A) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may specify cases in which a reference in the social housing rent provisions to an amount of rent payable to a registered provider includes, or does not include, a reference to –
- (a) an amount payable by way of service charge, or
  - (b) an amount payable by way of service charge that is of a description specified in the regulations.
- (4B) Regulations under subsection (4A) may, in particular, make provision by reference to –
- (a) guidance with respect to the principles upon which levels of rent should be determined issued by the Housing Corporation under section 36 of the Housing Act 1996;
  - (b) a standard set under section 193(1) of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 that includes provision under section 193(2)(c) (rules about levels of rent);
  - (c) a standard set under section 194(2A) of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (the power of the regulator to set standards relating to levels of rent) that was published by the regulator before 8 July 2015;
  - (d) guidance relating to levels of rent issued by the regulator before 8 July 2015 (including guidance issued before 1 April 2012);
  - (e) guidance relating to levels of rent for social housing issued by the Secretary of State before 8 July 2015.
- (4C) Regulations under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (4D) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

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